

## THE GREATNESS OF GOLDFIELD

### The Great Gold-Producing Camp Now Starting.

**W. E. Wilson Predicts Greater Strikes  
Than Before—Outside Capital  
Now Being Attracted.**

"Goldfield continues to grow and will be a great gold-producing district," said William E. Wilson, secretary and treasurer of the Rocky Mountain Securities company of Denver who passed through Tonopah Wednesday from Goldfield en route to California. He had been in that camp two weeks buying property for development companies which the above named company will finance.

"The Goldfield boom is just now fairly starting," continued Mr. Wilson enthusiastically. "The period of development I predict will be noteworthy in riches and strikes greater than have heretofore occurred. The camp is beginning furthermore to attract general attention of investors in the eastern and middle states and on the coast. Practically all that has been accomplished in development has been by local capital. Henceforth foreign and domestic capital will take an interest in it and will make a lot of money, because nowhere else do capitalists get so good a run for money placed in prospect propositions. The risks are less there than anywhere else in all the world of gold mining camps.

"This is my second trip into the place. I should have gone there a long time ago. Last December a man came to Denver and wanted to sell me the January for \$15,000, but I hadn't heard of Goldfield and really paid little attention to the offer, failing even to investigate the merits of the proposition at the time. That's the first Goldfield fortune I missed, as the January is worth several hundred thousand dollars now and the owners have already done pretty well. Then again, when I went in last May I was offered the O. K. Fraction for \$300 and turned it down. While in the camp last week I see lessees on this same O. K. Fraction shipping out ore worth \$200 to \$5000 a ton. It is one of the very latest strikes. One of the pay streaks is eighteen inches wide and will go \$3000 to the ton. The ledge pay area was encountered only four feet below the surface. After losing the first good thing Goldfield offered me I concluded to get in and commenced negotiations to that end last March. At that time of course I did not realize what my second overlook would be, but I then secured the Boom Fraction and Curly George claims for the Goldfield Coming Nation gold mines company and these are being developed, showing up splendidly already. The Curly George will soon be equipped with a gasoline hoist, good buildings. This company is in the field to get ore if possible. So also the Big Elk gold mines company which has promising ground, on the southeast end of the long string of Combination claims, that will be speedily developed.

"But these incidents are really of smaller importance than the general good outlook that presents itself when all features of the camp are considered. It is the continued finding of rich ore and the constant large production thereof that inspire confidence in its future. I believe values will go very deep. Furthermore, the productive area is spreading. There are four leases in shipping ore on the St. Ives. The latest strike on this claim occurred in the gulch below the ledge where outcroppings were not discernible on the surface. Lease No. 9 on the Jumbo has a new 20-inch streak. The White Rock is making a splendid showing and there are dozens of other splendid prospects coming up that will make a lot more of enterprising young men wealthy. I believe now is the time to get in and will erect a commodious headquarters building on the main street for the Rocky Mountain Securities company. A great many other people are getting in to, having arrived at the rate of thirty to fifty a day during the last week. I have yet to hear the first adverse comment on the young camp from any visitor that may have investigated its merits.

"I shall interest new San Francisco capital in the nine claims secured last week in the camp and return to Goldfield as soon as possible."

Accompanying Mr. Wilson were Roy Gillespie and Elihu Palmer, also connected with the Rocky Mountain Securities company. The three all promised to loudly proclaim southwestern Nevada's wonderful mineral resources while on the coast and later in the east.

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During the construction of the road the ore reserves have been so greatly increased and the future mineral traffic of the road so largely augmented by developments in other mines that prominent officials of the Southern Pacific railroad are now in Tonopah carefully considering the situation and the best mode of overcoming it.

Of the big mines, the Montana-Tonopah is the first to make an all rail shipment which left on Wednesday, and the switch to this mine is nearly completed. Of the many visitors who went through the property last week the most casual could see that the management can take out and ship thousands of tons every week if the railroad could transport them, and besides the enormous tonnage now on the dumps, there are fully three millions of dollars worth of ore blocked out in the mine. Next month the Tonopah mining company will commence to carry out its contract to deliver 100,000 tons of ore to the Salt Lake smelters. The Belmont, North Star, Midway and Tonopah Extension will also be shipping. The shipments from the camp will speak for themselves, but the most remarkable feature of Tonopah is the great width and extraordinary richness of the veins now opened up. Probably the narrowest average width of the Mizpah vein is six feet, and the greatest average width of the Valley View ledge over 50 feet, and these may be said to be the two extremes, the values ranging from \$30 to thousands of dollars per ton. The Macdonald vein in the Montana-Tonopah mine is over thirty feet wide, and the veins in the McNamara and Tonopah Extension vary from twenty-five feet to forty feet in width and their range of value is practically the same as quoted above.

So far the area of proved land is only small, probably not more than one and a quarter miles wide by one and three quarter miles on the trend of the ledges. It is manifestly absurd to suppose that such immensely strong bodies of ore do not continue for a greater distance than has already been proved, and the development of other claims in the Tonopah district is a legitimate venture for capital properly applied. On all sides of Mt. Oddie is good ground held by individuals or local companies who are unable to prospect it through lack of capital. Many investors have delayed the consideration of the merits of the camp until the transportation question was solved. With the railroad now completed, mining supplies obtainable at reasonable figures, strong, rich, well defined ore bodies opened up and their courses ascertained, and an immense area of country on the known mineral belt still undeveloped, Tonopah offers today better opportunities for the legitimate investment of capital in prospects with the greatest probabilities of success, than can be found in any other camp in America.

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